News release

Winter wonderland

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Much of England and southern Scotland have seen problems with snow and ice through the past 24 hours with many reports from around the country coming in to the Met Office. Thanks to everyone who responded to the request for information, observations of this kind are crucial to the forecasters and help fill in the gaps. A selection of snow reports from around the country over the last 12 hours is shown below.

SNOW REPORTS

Location	Snow depth
Edinburgh	15 cm
Jedburgh	10 cm
Bo'ness. West Lothian	9 cm
Perth	6 cm
Richmond, Yorkshire	12 cm
Buxton, Derbyshire	8 cm
Burton on Trent	4 cm
Oldham	3 cm
London	0-1 cm
Dover	8 cm
Sheffield	3 cm
Colchester, Essex	10 cm
Anstey, Leicestershire	5 cm

From reports and data from our own network, the greatest amount of snow appears to have been in northern England and southern Scotland where around 20 cm have fallen over high ground.
At lower levels and further south, widespread reports of around 8-12 cm have been sent in, these include Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, the east Midlands and parts of East Anglia and south-east England.

Some areas have yet to see much snow settle on the ground, these include the some of the larger urban areas such as London. There's still a little time yet, forecasters are saying that today (Thursday) will see more wintry weather with further spells of snow likely for many parts of England. Tonight will see quite icy conditions for many areas, so it's well worth checking out conditions if you're planning to make a journey. The worst weather will soon be over though, the risk of snowfall will decrease through Friday and although the weekend looks quite cold with overnight frosts, most areas will be dry.

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